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Maui Missions Newsletter

Aloha everyone,

COVID-19 has hampered and hassled Maui's economy with the decimation of tourism. Tourism is the driving economy force in Hawaii. Imagine that 9,000 tourists, 2,000 car rentals daily, stopped. Presently, trickling into the island is about 300 per day with a 14-day quarantine. Many visitors have to state where they are staying on the islands. Failure to provide accommodation presents two options:

- 1.) Spend your time in jail
- 2.) Get back on the plane and go home.

Hawaii has one of the toughest rules among the fifty states. Many hotel employees have been furloughed until the Governor and Mayors reopen businesses. Lots of people are trying to get unemployment checks, but are finding it difficult to get on the state website to register. Many have testified they called over 2,000 times, but no luck. Many employees have not seen an unemployment check for two months.

Everything is closed. Although the state/county parks have reopened, social distancing is required. You can run or swim on the beach but cannot congregate or sit on the sand. You cannot even get a sun tan. Stores are limiting numbers of entry.

In spite of these measures to flatten the curve, Maui has seen 5-7 deaths with less than a hundred people testing positive. Most who tested positive were from Maui Memorial Hospital. Throughout Hawaii, a total of 17 deaths and 700 cases, mostly on Oahu. As you can see, compared to other states, Hawaii is fortunate.



Prayer Requests

Pray for Hawaii's economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for those who are still awaiting their unemployment checks.

Praise the Lord for the health of Dave & Kenda.

Pray that people will find Christ among the crisis.



The Governor and Mayor closed churches. Churches did not make the “essential list”. However, we did not totally close the church. We left the church open for people to come and pray, or listen to God. Kenda would play the piano and I would give a short devotional. Most of the chairs were stacked. As some people entered (not a lot), chairs were spaced out. Not more than 10-12 people were present. The doors were left open throughout the day. People would leave their offering in the bowl on the back table. Although we did not have a “worship service”, many felt keeping the doors open helped them cope with the virus.

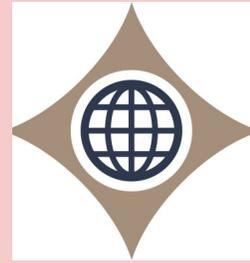
Kenda and I are fine. We did not contract the virus, nor anyone in the congregation. We thank the LORD for everyone’s support financially, prayerfully, and thoughtfully. God is meeting our needs and we have no want or desire for a raise in financial support. Mostly we do lots of home and yard work. Staying home saves money. We try to help our neighbors, especially those without vehicles. Because we live in the valley off the grid, gasoline and ice have become valuable commodities. Usually we assist people with these things.

Health wise we are trying to stay fit. We are trying to fit in a walking regiment at least 3-4 days a week. Because we have no tourists the roads are safer to walk.

Hawaii is re-inventing itself. Perhaps this is the time when the island can diversify itself and become less dependent on tourism. That is the talk today.

Our prayer is simple: pray people find Christ in the crisis.

Mahalo for everything. Blessings.



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